



Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter

Governor's Innovative Grant 2007-2008

Thank you for applying for the Governor's Innovative Grants. I appreciate the work of educators across the state who search for creative and unique teaching methods to inspire children and create life-long learners.

I am forever grateful to the many teachers I have had in my life. As an educator, my wife Lori can attest to the rewards that come from teaching. I am proud of her accomplishments as an educator. We appreciate your dedication to Idaho's youth. Your service is creating generations of Idahoans who value and succeed in education, and in life.

I invite you to create a plan for a project or learning experience that will provide further depth to your students' education. Great success often is found by thinking "outside the box" and by becoming truly innovative in teaching strategies and creating learning opportunities for all students.

Forty \$1,000 and 70 \$500 grants will be awarded this year. Grantees will be required to complete a report on their project. These reports will be posted on the First Lady's website, along with the State Board of Education's website, so these innovative ideas can be shared with educators across the state. Each grantee will be required to submit a synopsis of their project. The State Board of Education and I will highlight projects throughout the year.

Once again, thank you for your dedication, time and talent as you continue enlightening and empowering the students of Idaho. I look forward to seeing your grant application and watching the magic these grants will create in Idaho's classrooms.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho

Governor's Innovative Grant Application

2007-2008

Innovative: "Creative, Original, Unprecedented, Inventive, Novel, Ingenious"

1. Contact Information must include the following:
 - a. Teacher's name, e-mail, grade/subject
 - b. The complete name of the school's principal and of the superintendent
 - c. The complete name, mailing address and telephone number of the school
 - d. The complete name, mailing address and telephone number for the school district
2. All grant proposals must be approved and signed by your building principal or district superintendent. Unsigned proposals will not be considered. Only one proposal per teacher will be accepted.
3. Grant proposals should be limited to two (2) typed pages in size 12 font.
 - a. Name/title of your innovative idea
 - b. A description of your innovative idea
 - c. Accounting of how grant dollars will be spent
 - d. Number of students effected
 - e. Authorizing signature of principal or superintendent
4. Grant funds will not be rewarded for:
 - a. Rewards, lunches, refreshments, stipends
 - b. Requests for travel, field trips or supplies will be considered but must supplement the innovative idea. Example: Don't just ask for calculators or phonics programs, or a bus trip to the zoo, explain how you will incorporate these costs into your innovative teaching idea.
5. Joint proposals are accepted. Please submit one application and include a list of all the teachers who are part of the proposal. Grants for joint proposals will be awarded to the individual teachers listed.
6. Deadlines for proposals must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before **October 1, 2007**. If you e-mail your application please send it in a Word or PDF document attached to the e-mail. If application is submitted by e-mail please type "Innovative Grant Program" in the subject line.
7. Please send proposals to:

Office of Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter
Innovative Grant Program
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720
Office: (208) 334-2100
governor@gov.idaho.gov
8. Accepted applicants, along with the district superintendent will be notified and grant monies will be sent from the Governor's office by **October 31, 2007** to district offices. Checks will be accompanied by a letter identifying the Innovative Grant Program and the name of the grantee.
9. Grant recipients must submit a synopsis of their project by **May 15, 2008**. A synopsis assessment form will be provided and e-mailed to each grantee. If the synopsis is not received a letter will be sent to the district and school principle, and the entire school will not be eligible for grant funding in the following year.